

CHILDREN'S SECTION

CHILD ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM

Program Description

The Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT) provides comprehensive direct services to children, especially underserved children, to include: children who are dependents of the court, and children in the child welfare system victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, community violence and abduction. Targets are children who do not have access to services due to non-availability of services, lack of resources, and non-eligibility for any other program or services.

Eligibility

There are two CHAT Programs: one is an on going program having forty three recipients; the other is a two-year program having seven recipients.

Authorized By

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 10601, et seq., and the California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

On going CHAT Program – VOCA - \$7,075,000

Two-year only CHAT Program – VOCA - \$1,301,602

Grant Award Period

On going CHAT Program: October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009

Two year-only CHAT Program: ends September 31, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non Competitive - On Going CHAT Program - September 1, 2009

Additional Program Information

This program has four mandated objectives:

1. Provide clinical or culturally centered therapeutic services.
2. Assist in providing information on crime victim compensation claims.
3. Assist in understanding and participation in the criminal justice system; and
4. Utilize volunteers in the program.

To assist in meeting the four mandated objectives, sub recipients may offer the following VOCA services to child victims of abuse: counseling; follow-up; therapy; group treatment/support for children; shelter/safe house; information/referral (in-person); telephone contact; criminal justice support/advocacy; emergency financial assistance; emergency legal advocacy; assistance in filing compensation claims; and personal advocacy.

How Do I Get More Information

This program is administered by the Children's Section of the Victim and Children's Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 324-9120.